

KICKAPOO RESERVE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Budget Summary							
Fund	2014-15 Base Year Doubled	2015-17 Governor	2015-17 Jt. Finance	Joint Finance Change to:			
				Governor		Base	
				Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
PR	\$0	\$0	\$447,000	\$447,000	N.A.	\$447,000	N.A.
SEG	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,390,400</u>	<u>1,390,400</u>	N.A.	<u>1,390,400</u>	N.A.
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$1,837,400	\$1,837,400	N.A.	\$1,837,400	N.A.

FTE Position Summary					
Fund	2014-15 Base	2016-17 Governor	2016-17 Jt. Finance	Joint Finance Change to:	
				Governor	2014-15 Base
PR	0.00	0.00	1.25	1.25	1.25
SEG	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2.75</u>	<u>2.75</u>	<u>2.75</u>
TOTAL	0.00	0.00	4.00	4.00	4.00

Budget Change Item

1. KICKAPOO RESERVE MANAGEMENT BOARD BUDGET AND ADMINISTRATIVE ATTACHMENT [LFB Paper 625]

	Funding	Positions
PR	\$447,000	1.25
SEG	<u>1,390,400</u>	<u>2.75</u>
Total	\$1,837,400	4.00

Joint Finance: Specify the Kickapoo Reserve Management Board (KRMB) and Kickapoo Valley Reserve (KVR) are to be budgeted as a separate agency. Funding and positions authorized for the Reserve would be deleted from the Department of Tourism, to which KVR/KRMB is currently administratively attached, and under which KVR/KRMB is budgeted as a separate program [s. 20.380(2) of the statutes]. Instead, the following appropriations, funding and positions would be created under s. 20.385(1) of the statutes:

Kickapoo Reserve Management Board / Kickapoo Valley Reserve Appropriations

<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Fund Source</u>	<u>Annual Funding</u>	<u>Positions</u>
Program services and operations	PR	\$157,200	1.00
Law enforcement services	PR	66,300	0.25
Gifts and grants	PR	0	0.00
Federal funds	FED	0	0.00
General program operations	SEG	415,200	2.75
Aids in lieu of property taxes	SEG	<u>280,000</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total		\$918,700	4.00

In addition, specify the KVR/KRMB remains attached to Tourism under s. 15.03 of the statutes for limited administrative purposes. (The bill as introduced recommended transferring the KVR/KRMB from Tourism to the Department of Natural Resources. See "Natural Resources--Departmentwide" and "Tourism" for additional information.) However, specify personnel and biennial budget requests of the KRMB are to be processed and forwarded by Tourism without change, unless requested or concurred in by the KRMB.

The Kickapoo Valley Reserve consists of approximately 8,600 acres of land north of La Farge in Vernon County. The property was the site of a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers dam and reservoir project on the Kickapoo River that was abandoned around 1975. The Corps transferred ownership of approximately 7,400 acres to the State of Wisconsin in December, 2000. Additionally, 1,200 acres were transferred to the Bureau of Indian Affairs in trust for sites sacred to the Ho-Chunk Nation. A 1997 memorandum of understanding between the state and the Ho-Chunk Nation stipulates the entire 8,600 acres will be managed as one property.

The Reserve has been administratively attached to Tourism since 1996. Under s. 15.03 of the statutes, Tourism is responsible for providing limited administrative functions such as personnel, payroll, budget, fiscal and accounting services to the KRMB under terms of the administrative attachment. Reserve policy, rules, and operational plans, however, are independently established by the 11-member KRMB. Board members are appointed by the Governor, with Senate confirmation, from candidates recommended by nearby municipalities, school boards, or the Ho-Chunk Nation. Members are to be residents of the municipalities surrounding the Reserve or of the Kickapoo River watershed, or are to have interests in the environment, tourism, education, or the cultural resources of the Kickapoo River area.

Most administrative functions of the Kickapoo Valley Reserve are funded by the forestry account of the segregated conservation fund. Additional functions are supported by program revenues generated by: (a) educational programming offered to the public and local schools; (b) admissions and camping fees; and (c) other land usage fees, including revenues from timber harvests and leases of Reserve lands for agricultural production. Policing of Reserve property is supported primarily by tribal gaming PR and is carried out both by Reserve staff and by sworn law enforcement officers working as limited-term employees. As the Reserve is state property and exempt from property taxation, the state pays aids in lieu of taxes to local governments and school districts. These payments are funded by forestry SEG.